

Good Evening,

I've never written to the FCC or felt compelled to do anything like this before however when I heard that Sinclair Broadcasting was going to force their affiliates to preempt prime time shows and show a propaganda piece trying to smear Kerry, in swing states!, I was outraged. Its been awhile since i took media law in college and i may not remember specifics however this just doesnt seem ethically right or legal. If they are allowed to broadcast the show and force 24% of us television households to watch this show, right before the election, i think we will lose something very important and fundamental, at least i will, i'll lose faith in the system. Think we deserve better than this and we cant allow sinclair group to try and pass off propaganda for "news", its deceptive and unamerican.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.